

and for services in safely burning inflammable materials, and in supervising such work as provided in Section 48 of this Article, the Forest Warden and the helpers he may be authorized to employ shall be paid by the State Department of Forestry from funds advanced by or collected from the organization or person guaranteeing the cost of the work, for which payments a full accounting shall be made to the said organization or person by means of accounts and vouchers certified by the Forest Warden and approved by the State Forester. The rates to be paid under this section shall be determined by the Regents of the University of Maryland, or their legal successors as the controlling Board of the State Department of Forestry.

50. Upon the petition of the persons owning fifty-five per cent. of the forest and brush land area in any election district within the County or Counties designated in Section 52 of this Article, to the State Forester, he may designate such district as a special fire prevention area, and within such area no person, firm or corporation shall set, maintain, or increase cause or procure the setting, maintenance or increase of a fire in the open air at any time unless the ground is substantially covered with snow, except in strict accord with a written permit secured from the State Forester or his duly authorized agent, covering a period not exceeding ten days from the date thereof; provided, that certain improved sections remote from woodlands or grassy fields may be exempt by the State Forester from the requirements for permits; and provided, further, that certain regulations applicable to each fire prevention area, defining times of the year when permits may not be required, and other rules for issuance, cancellation, and renewal of such permits, shall be formulated by the State Forester subject to approval by the Board of County Commissioners of the County in which such fire prevention area is created. It shall be the duty of the State Forester to prepare the proper form of permit to be used in carrying out the provisions of this section. The State Forester and his duly authorized agents shall at all times have authority to refuse permits, to revoke the same, and to postpone their use when issued, when they shall deem it necessary so to do in the interest of public safety. Any permits obtained by misrepresentation shall be invalid the same as though cancelled by the State Forester. Whoever sets, maintains, or increases, or causes or procures the setting, maintenance or increase of a fire in the open air in any such special fire prevention area, except in strict accord with a written permit as prescribed in this section, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction be punished by a fine of not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) or more than one hundred dol-